

Funds for fellowship in art and culture

2681. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money earmarked for giving various fellowships for art and culture during the last two years;

(b) the amount actually utilised;

(c) whether Government have any proposal for reducing the number of such fellowships;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, whether it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Funds earmarked for the grant of fellowships during the last 2 years are as follows:

1998-99	:	Rs. 185.47 lakh
1999-2000	:	Rs. 321.00 lakh

(b) The funds actually utilized during the last two years for the grant of fellowships are as follows:

1998-99	:	Rs. 184.88 lakh
1999-2000	:	Rs. 306.05 lakh

(c) There is no such proposal. In fact, the number of fellowships have been increased from 300 in 1997-98 to 450 in 1998-99. Fellowships in New Areas (Indology, Management of heritage and art of cultural institutions etc.) have also been introduced from 1998-99.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Development of temple towns in Orissa

2682. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to develop the temple towns in the country;

(b) if so, the Central assistance extended so far or proposed to be extended in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 for the development of temple towns in Orissa viz. Puri, Konark and Bhubaneswar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?